

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). By this Amendment, claims 8-18 are added.

I. Formal Matters

Applicant thanks Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim of foreign priority and receipt of Applicant's priority documents. Applicant also thanks Examiner for accepting the drawings filed on May 8, 2001.

II. Objections to the Abstract

Applicant has amended the Abstract as shown above. Applicant submits that the Abstract as amended overcomes the Examiner's objections.

III. Objections to the Specification

Applicant has amended the Specification as shown above. Applicant submits that the Specification as amended overcomes the Examiner's objections.

IV. Objections to the Claims

Applicant has amended Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the Specification as amended overcomes the Examiner's objections.

V. New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 8-18 to obtain more a more varied claim scope.

V. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over what the Examiner deems is the Applicant's admitted prior art ("APA"), i.e., Fig. 1, in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,612,549 to Geyer, Jr. et al. ("Geyer").

The APA fails to disclose a device as recited in claims 1 or 2. Claims 1 and 2 both recite at least one prefixed adjustor being disposed between an antenna and a distributor composer. The Examiner asserts that a corresponding prefixed adjustor is found in the APA as phase adjustor 122. However, the APA indicates that phase adjustor 122 electrically and electronically automatically adjusts the phase of a signal. There is no teaching or suggestion that phase adjustor 122 is prefixed as recited in claims 1 and 2. Thus, Applicant submits that the APA fails to teach or suggest a station as recited in claims 1 and 2.

As the Geyer reference, which the Examiner relies on for the teaching of manually adjusting values of phase, level and time delay, fails to cure the above cited deficiency of the APA, Applicant submits that the neither the APA nor Geyer, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a station as recited in claims 1 and 2.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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